Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2025		31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bideford Film Society
Other names charity is known by	Bideford Cinema
Registered charity number (if any)	1161007
Charity's principal address	6, Queen Street
	Bideford
	Devon
	Postcode **EX39 2JG**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Martin Fey	Chair		
2	Patrick Kivlin	Treasurer		
3	Susan Jeffery	Secretary		
4	Wendy Lo-Vel			
5	William Isaac			
6	Susan Smith			
7	Amber Bending		From 8th April 2025	
8	Christopher Harris		From 8th April 2025	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution – CIO Association
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election by members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We have Public Liability insurance in place and we also have an insurance policy covering the equipment used by the Society.

All venues are fully Risk Assessed before use by the Society.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the Bideford Film Society are to advance the education of the public in the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts, particularly the art of film and allied visual techniques, and to promote art for the benefit of the public by the establishment and maintenance of a Film Society.
In furtherance of the foregoing objects, the Society shall have the power to promote the study and appreciation of film by means of lectures, discussions and exhibitions.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Our main activity is the running of a community cinema in a town where no commercial cinema operates. We strive to work with other local groups and charities to provide access to the art of the film-maker as well as providing opportunities for the general public to view a range of films on a large screen.

As the majority of our income is derived from box office revenue, we aim to maintain a balance between charging enough to ensure the long-term viability of the Society and making access to the films affordable for as many people as possible. In furtherance of this aim we offer a Family Ticket which encourages households with children to attend the Cinema.

The trustees have taken into account the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when considering the ticket prices and other relevant decisions.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Society's staffing, administration and management is carried out exclusively by approximately 30 volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2025 we showed 49 different films at 120 public performances. These screenings drew a total audience of 3796 individuals and our total box office take for the year was £23,482

We collaborated with Kingsley School in raising awareness of environmental issues by showing a film at three performances which were attended by all year groups at the school and was very well received.

We supported local filmmakers to screen their films and also worked with the local Art Gallery in showing a film about the photographer Martin Parr.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Any excess funds that we hold will be used for the replacement of equipment upon which we rely for screenings of films, and to cover operating commitments.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our income is derived mainly from Box Office revenue but we have also been generously supported by Bideford Town Council and previously by the Bideford Bridge Trust. We have also received donations from private individuals.

Section F Other optional information

As a result of certain inconsistencies in the accounts that were presented at the charity's AGM in April 2019, an internal investigation commenced which identified losses of approximately £17,500 and the matter was referred to the police. This has now resulted in the conviction of a former trustee for fraud. These matters were reported to the Charity Commission (incident number 1178).

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	S. E. Jeffery	
Full name(s)	Susan Elizabeth Jeffery	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	

Date	27th March 2026

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS a/c BIDEFORD FILM SOCIETY

From 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Receipts

	2025
Box Office	£24,031.70
Memberships	£656.00
Hire charges for outside groups	£0.00
Grants And Donations	£640.01
Gift Aid	£0.00
Insurance refund	£325.13
Sub-total	£25,652.84

Payments

	2025
Film hire and transport	£10,221.18
Theatre Hire	£5,350.00
Advertising & Promotion	£678.65
Projection Equipment etc.	£52.50
Stationery and postage	£37.49
Insurance	£519.66
AGM & members' events	£419.00
Miscellaneous*	£200.66
Sub-total	£17,479.14

Net Increase/decrease **£8,173.70**

Reconciliation

Balance as at 1/1/25		Balance as at 31/12/25	
Cash in hand	£320.00	Cash in hand	£320.00
Cash in bank	£19,089.77	Cash in bank	£25,314.01
Less costs incurred but not paid for	£4,339.21	Less costs incurred but not yet paid for	£2,389.75
Uncleared deposits	£0.00	Uncleared deposits	£0.00
Total	£15,070.56	Total	£23,244.26

Net Increase/decrease **£8,173.70**

*** 'miscellaneous' payments is made up of:**

Gift for Kingsley technician	£13.50
UKCA membership	£151.20
Laminator	£19.99
Batteries	£8.50
Laminating pouches	£7.47
	£200.66

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	BIDEFORD FILM SOCIETY		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1161007
Set out on pages	1		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	24/3/26
Name:	BRIAN BUTLAND		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	\		
Address:	5 COLLEGE GREEN BIDEFORD		